

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1145  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
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S E C R E T KATHMANDU 0944

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, NP, UR  
SUBJECT: AMPLIFICATION OF SOVIET APPROACH TO GON RE SOVIET  
INTEREST IN PURCHASING OPIUM

REF: 77 KATHMANDU 4114, 77 STATE 223412

1. RELIABLE EMBASSY CONTACT TOLD DCM FEBRUARY 21, FOLLOWING  
UP EARLIER CONVERSATION BASED ON EDITORIAL IN LOCAL PRO-  
SOVIET NEWSPAPER REPORTED 77 KATHMANDU 4776, THAT SOVIETS

HAD TOLD NEPALESE TRADE DELEGATION WHICH VISITED USSR IN  
1977 THAT USSR WAS PREPARED TO BUY 25-30 METRIC TONS OF  
OPIUM EACH YEAR FROM NEPAL. SOVIETS ALSO OFFERED TO SEND  
ADVISER ON OPIUM PRODUCTION TO NEPAL. SOURCE SAID HE HAD  
SEEN MEMO PREPARED BY NEPALESE TRADE DELEGATION ON THIS SUB-  
JECT AND WAS THEREFORSURE OF INFORMATION HE WAS PASSING ON.

2. COMMENT: THIS SHOW OF SOVIET INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF  
OPIUM FROM NEPAL MUST HAVE BEEN A MORE DETAILED FOLLOW-UP  
TO AN EARLIER DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER BETWEEN THE NEPALESE  
AND SOVIETS, AS MENTION TO US BY NEPALESE OFFICIALS OF  
SOVIET INTEREST PRE-DATED NEPALESE TRADE DELEGATION'S  
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VISIT TO MOSCOW IN LATE AUGUST 1977. SUBSEQUENTLY,  
PRIME MINISTER BISTA IN SEPTEMBER TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT  
GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL WOULD NOT GO INTO OPIUM PRODUCTION  
BUSINESS (77 KATHMANDU 4100).  
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\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a

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